

CRESCENT CITY NEWS

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Paul C. Smith is helping out the army conscripts with their questionnaires. Jas. Padgett Jr. is filling the A. C. agents places at Huntington and Seville this week.

Overby Branch arrived on Sunday to spend a few days with Mrs. Branch and other relatives.

Chas. L. Chamberlin came up from Jacksonville to enjoy a "bang up" Christmas dinner.

Some two or three pieces of farm property have been sold during the past week by Mr. Durling.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Darby left last week for Daytona, where they will stay some three months.

Miss Nettie Holley, principal of the Pimona school, is spending the holiday vacation with her mother.

Rev. Father Dunworth held services at the Catholic church last Sunday evening and on Monday morning.

Miss Jennie Pigue, principal of the school at St. Johns Park, is spending the holiday vacation with her family.

Mrs. Daisy O. Waters of Savannah arrived on Monday to spend a couple weeks with her sister, Mrs. K. Borsen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard of Atchison, Kansas, arrived last week and have rooms in the Mrs. Mary Benham home.

Mrs. Hardy and little son, John, arrived last week for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chamberlin.

Tom Clayton spent the week end with his home folk. He is now a book keeper at the Ford agency in Palatka.

Harry Clayton, 306 U. S. Engineers, at Camp Jackson, has been quarantined in the base hospital there for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Mathis and children of Hastings spent the week end here, guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Chamberlin came in from Orlando to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chamberlin.

Hon. and Mrs. J. H. Harp left on Sunday for Quitman, Ga., where they will spend the holiday season with their daughter, Mrs. W. B. Young.

James F. Graham, a field clerk in the army, stationed at Camp Wheeler, spent the past week on a visit to his parents, Col. and Mrs. G. T. Graham.

Miss Elsie Padgett, teacher of history in the Lakeland high school, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Padgett, Jr.

L. Eaton is up from Jacksonville to spend the holidays with Mrs. Eaton. During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Harp, they are spending the week on the big farm.

Miss Cardelle Williams, a student in a New Jersey woman's college, arrived home on Sunday to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williams.

Miss Addie McGrady is spending her two weeks' holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGrady. Mrs. Addie is principal of the school at Bostwick.

Mrs. John Dagonith with her three little boys arrived last week from their home in Bayport, L. I., New York, to spend the season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sackett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Elks and children will leave the first of the coming week for Texas, where they will make their home. Mr. Elks, who has been in Texas some six weeks, came here for the holidays.

Mrs. C. H. Cash with her son Henry, returned on Saturday from a visit to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., where her son Phillips is stationed as a member of the company of Motor Mechanics, 306 U. S. Engineers.

Rev. Wm. H. Funk Ph. D., the new pastor of the Methodist church, has arrived with his family from Leesburg, and are now settled in the parsonage. Dr. Funk will preach a Christmas sermon next Sunday.

Mrs. Henry G. Hubbard entertained a party of ten at Christmas dinner, her guests being Mr. and Mrs. Towle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fairfield Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Gowen, Mrs. A. P. Rogers, Mrs. E. T. E. Carpenter and Mr. Burr.

Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy of Chicago are at the Turner House for a time. They will be remembered as popular visitors of last season. Dr. McCarthy is a sportsman and spends much of his time fishing, and has made some wonderful catches.

The Baptist Sunday school Christmas tree was deferred until Wednesday night in order to secure the personal attendance of St. Nicholas. Others had spoken first for him. But it was a grand time with a pretty program, and presents for all.

Edward Sackett, Crescent City's oldest volunteer soldier, and who has been spending the past three years in the Philippines, has arrived at San Francisco. He is a member of the 2d U. S. Artillery, and being a veteran, is likely to be ordered to France soon.

One of the most useful men in Crescent City is Mr. J. A. Winn, who has his repair shop in the old Lounds building. Mr. Winn does a general repair business. He mends shoes and repairs guns and sewing machines, clocks, or anything else. He is a thorough mechanic with a mind that will solve any mechanical problem instantly. His shoe work is just now standing. His most important branches one of the most important branches because of the high cost of new shoes. He makes the old ones do.

The ladies of the V. I. A. have announced a "Fancy Dress" party for New Year's eve at the Club House, with admission at 25 cents. There is to be a fine musical program and a splendid time is promised all who will attend. Don't forget this final party of the year.

Gunner's Mate, Malvern H. Iles, Jr., U. S. N., in training as an airplane scout at the station near Miami, spent his 48 hour furlough at the home of his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Iles, Heshoro. He was here to help make glad the Christmas day.

Miss Carrie Crawford a teacher of music in the young ladies seminary at Sweet Briar, Va., surprised her mother, Mrs. W. B. Sanders, by arriving last Saturday, wholly unexpected, to spend the holiday vacation with her. Miss Crawford has not been in Crescent City for many years.

Geo. E. Arms, a photographer from Massachusetts, has taken out a license to practice his profession. He will photograph people and things and views and develop his work. He has his office with Mr. J. A. Winn in the old Lounds building corner Central avenue and Park street.

E. Bryant Gautier of St. Petersburg is here to spend the holiday week with his mother, brother and sisters. But others are interested in the visit. He grew to manhood here and is remembered by all old citizens, and they are getting pleasure from the visit. Mr. Gautier left here some 20 years ago.

Miss Nellie Grimsley is spending a two weeks' holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grimsley, and all Crescent City is rejoiced to see her. Miss Nellie is a graduate trained nurse, and reports from Jacksonville indicate that she is one of the most proficient ever graduated from the hospitals of that city.

Mrs. M. M. Herlong was made glad this Christmas time by the visit of three husky sons who came from separate parts of Florida. They are Messrs. H. W. Herlong of Alton, Z. C. Herlong of Micanopy, and A. S. Herlong of Centre Hill. They came on Friday and remained over until Monday. A happy family reunion with but one absentee—Mr. Philip Herlong of New York.

The Misses C. A. and B. A. Williams entertained at a special "War Dinner," on Christmas day with a menu that while elaborate, met the full requirements of the Food Conservation Board, and all who were so fortunate to sit at the board. The guests were Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hurlbut, Mr. and Mrs. S. Martin LaBree, and Miss Mary Haack.

Mrs. L. P. Loney of Owensboro, Ky., arrived last week to spend the winter and will stop with Mrs. C. L. Chamberlin. Mrs. Loney is the wife of the Federal Internal revenue collector of Kentucky, and a cousin of Dr. B. F. Tichenor. She comes here because of asthma, and to secure treatment from her cousin and old physician—and the anti-asthmatic climate of Crescent City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swift of Ohio who were at the Turner home last week have rented the Mrs. Woolman cottage opposite the Methodist church and are settled there. They come to Crescent City to make it their home, and through Mr. Durling have bought the Hays place south of town, where Mr. Swift is going to enjoy life cultivating strawberries and vegetables, and where he will conduct a chicken farm.

The Presbyterian church was crowded on Christmas eve for the annual Christmas tree festivities of the Sunday school. A very pretty program of songs and recitations was rendered by the little people of the school, with a beautifully rendered solo by Mrs. R. A. Kirkland. A collection was taken for the starving children of Armenia. St. Nicholas was present in person and distributed presents to all of the children.

The Methodist church had a Christmas tree on Christmas night for the children of the Sunday school, with Mrs. Branch as director of affairs. There was a fine program of songs and recitations by the children, and Miss Grace Pigue, as "Miss Columbia" rendered in fine voice the song "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Every child was given a nice present, and St. Nicholas himself superintended the distribution.

"Splint" Kinard, U. S. Infantry stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga., spent a couple days, with us last week. This young man is enjoying a short furlough and went from here to Hastings. By this time he is back and on duty. His experience in the camp has been beneficial. He stands straight and then some, and shows every evidence of developing into a real fighter. When told that his name was posted among the heroes in the Presbyterian church, "Splint" nearly fainted. When he came to be blurted out "I'm no Presbyterian; I'm a democrat."

Mr. Geo. H. Herrick of Grove Hall received a telegram last week announcing the total destruction of his store at Attleboro, Mass., by fire. Mr. Herrick had one of those beautiful corner jewelry stores with magnificent show windows on two streets, and carried an immense stock of costly jewelry, bric-a-brac and silver and gold ware and precious stones. The fire occurred at night when most of the high grade watches and jewels were in the fire-proof vault, but nevertheless his loss was heavy both in goods and the loss of his Christmas trade. He did not, however, allow this loss, estimated at \$10,000 or more, to destroy, or render miserable his Christmas day. Both Mr. and Mrs. Herrick were abroad with smiles.

The Washington Humane Society has adopted electrocution for stray dogs and cats.

THE PROPOSED HARD SURFACED HIGHWAY

Through Fruitland Peninsula—Its Cost, its Need and as Aid to Growth.

(Written for The News by W. F. Glynn.)

The construction of the road will be entirely under the supervision of the State Road Department. This Department composed of five members, all able and conscientious men, who are appointed by the Governor and serve without pay. Mr. Ed. Scott, of Arcadia, is chairman, and the other members are Mr. M. M. Smith of Orlando, Capt. W. J. Hillman of Live Oak, Mr. J. E. Gilbert of Jacksonville, and Mr. J. D. Smith of Marianna. All of these gentlemen have given and are giving a great deal of their time, at considerable personal sacrifice, to the work of building up a system of good roads for the State of Florida. The State Road Commissioner, Mr. Wm. F. Cocke, is an engineer of ability and experience, and was connected with the State Road Department of Virginia before coming to Florida. Mr. Cocke is the executive officer of the Department, and is a live, up-to-date man, and knows his business.

The taxable valuation of the district is estimated at \$1,000,000. The proposed bond issue is \$160,000, bearing interest at six per cent. It is provided in the plan for retiring the bonds, as outlined in the advertisement of the election, that no bonds shall be retired until the fourth year. This plan was adopted in order to make the tax as low as possible for the first three years. It is expected that the road will be completed in two years. Taking the amount of taxable property as \$1,000,000, the millage required to pay the interest on the total issue of bonds will be 9.6-10th mills per year. Therefore the tax for the first three years will not be more than 9.6-10th mills per year. In the fourth year \$2000 of the bonds are to be retired and the millage increases to only 12.6-10th mills. From that year on the amount of bonds retired is gradually increased each year, but owing to the decrease in the amount of interest, caused by the retirement of bonds each year, the millage, while varying slightly from year to year, averages only 13.8-10th mills per year. The advantage of this plan of retiring a few of the bonds each year, beginning with the fourth year, is that in so doing no sinking fund is required and the tax-payers money will not lie on deposit in the bank, drawing only 4 per cent interest, while accumulating to pay off a large amount of bonds at infrequent intervals, the money costing us 6 per cent all the time it is accumulating. The interest saving to the tax-payers in the yearly payment plan adopted for this bond issue is a very considerable sum of money.

Furthermore it is believed, and the experience of other Counties warrants the belief, that as soon as the road is built—which will be before the retirement of the bonds begins—even as soon as the road is assured, new settlers will come in, land values will increase, making more taxable valuation, and of course, the more the country is settled up and improved and land values increase, the more the millage will be reduced.

That part of the road which is to have asphalt surface will be 9 feet wide, but there is to be a clay shoulder 4 feet wide on each side of the asphalt, making the total width of the road 17 feet.

The men who have been working on this road proposition now for two or three years believe it is of vital importance to the district. They are not trying to put anything over on their neighbors. All of them are tax-payers, some of them large tax-payers. Their homes, their interests are here. And they are supported in their belief that the people want this road by the fact that the people say so themselves. They believe that the fact that it will be built under the supervision of the State Road Department assures the people of a good serviceable road, and that there will be no waste of tax-payers money. And being so constructed by the State Road Department makes it a State Road and that Department, consequently, will see that it is maintained; and it is worth a good deal to know that after we get a road it will be maintained.

It has been suggested by someone, that the road ought not to be undertaken now on account of the war. On the contrary the war for many reasons emphasizes the need of good roads. In order to carry on the war the government must have money and the money must come from the people, and if the people continue to be able to supply the money business all over the Country must go on uninterruptedly. Fruitland Peninsula is at a standstill, and the tide of travel and the thousands of new settlers coming into the state pass us by and go to districts where they have good roads and other evidences of progress and growth. The government does not desire the people to stand still because we are at war, nor does it desire that road improvements be discontinued—especially a road like this one which is the shortest and most direct road from Jacksonville to Tampa. As soon as the Putnam County link and that in the northern part of Volusia County are completed (and Volusia County's petition for a bond election was signed by nearly every voter in the district) this road will be hard surfaced the entire distance, and the government surely would be interested to have it completed. Furthermore, its completion will so stimulate business in Fruitland Peninsula that our people will be much better able to buy Liberty bonds and give financial aid to the government in prosecuting the war, and to contribute to the comfort of the boys who have gone and are going to the front to do the fighting.

FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY

FLAGLER SYSTEM. In effect May 6th, 1917.
Time Card No. 118.
Trains 29 and 30—Between Jacksonville and Miami daily, makes all stops; coaches and one buffet parlor car. Train 29 leaves East Palatka 11:15 a. m., and arrives Miami 11:30 p. m. Train 30 leaves East Palatka 5:37 p. m., and arrives Jacksonville at 8:00 p. m.
Trains 85 and 86—The Havana Special—Fast train between New York and Key West via A. C. north of Jacksonville, daily. Stops only at important stations. Coaches and through sleepers. Dining car service. Connects at Key West with P. & O. ships to and from Havana. Train 85 leaves East Palatka 3:30 p. m., and arrives Key West 6:00 a. m. Train 86 leaves East Palatka 1:35 a. m., and arrives Jacksonville 11:15 a. m. These trains do not operate south of Miami on Sundays. Ships for Havana leave Key West daily except Sundays and Wednesdays.
Trains 37 and 38—Between Jacksonville and Key West daily. Makes all stops. Coaches and one sleeper. One sleeper New York and Miami via S. A. L. north of Jacksonville; one buffet sleeper Jacksonville and Miami. Train 37 leaves Palatka 10:35 p. m., arrives Miami 11:30 a. m., arrives Key West 6:10 p. m. Train 38 leaves Palatka 6:25 a. m., and arrives Jacksonville 9:40 a. m. Train service on the Okeechobee Branch is daily except Sunday.
Palatka to East Palatka train leaves Union Station Daily 6:25 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 1:20 p. m., 3:00 p. m., 5:00 p. m., 6:10 p. m., 10:35 p. m. For San Mateo leaves Union Station 1:20 p. m.
Published for the information of the public, but arrivals and departures at times stated are not guaranteed. Subject to change without notice.
For further information see the Ticket Agent.
J. D. RAHNER, General Passenger Agent.

3 ATLANTIC COAST LINE 3

THE STANDARD RAILROAD OF THE SOUTH.

Daily Trains to WASHINGTON and NEW YORK

	No. 82	No. 86	No. 89
Lv. Jacksonville	9:10am	12:40pm	8:10pm
Ar. Savannah	1:15pm	4:40pm	12:35am
Ar. Charleston	3:20pm	6:45pm	2:40am
Ar. Richmond	5:40am	7:55am	5:15am
Ar. Washington	8:40am	10:55am	7:45pm
Ar. Baltimore	10:30am	12:45pm	11:30pm
Ar. W. Philadelphia	12:30pm	2:45pm	1:30am
Ar. New York	2:45pm	4:50pm	3:00am

All-steel equipment. Electric fans, lights, Pullman drawing room sleepers Dining cars on trains 82 and 86. Local sleepers on 80 to Savannah. Passengers may occupy until 7 a. m. Free reclining chair coaches.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

138 West Bay Street Jacksonville, Fla. Phone 17
J. P. WARD, Ticket Agent Palatka, Fla.

The Local Red Cross Drive.

The Crescent City branch of the Putnam County Red Cross Chapter is not one of the delinquents. The workers at this place were well organized and active throughout the week. Only a very few declined to donate to this worthy cause. The present membership of the Crescent City branch is 433, and the total collected last week was \$422.75. Of this amount \$256 was from Membership dues. Crescent City donations amounted to \$99.75, and Lake Como, our pretty little neighbor on the north, sent in \$22 for memberships and donations amounting to \$67.00. The Lake Como amounts are included in the Crescent City branch totals, but because of their munificence are deserving of separate mention. We all feel proud of the work of the Red Cross, and all will be better prepared because of the donations of last week to help in the next call.

THERE IS MONEY IN HOGS.

How One Dade County Farmer Has Realized That Fact.

Conditions the nation over were never better for profitable hog raising, says the University of Florida extension division. With a great reduction in the number of hogs, an increased production of grain feeds, and an increased demand for pork, the hog is getting to be an aristocrat. A national campaign has been started to increase hog production in 1918, 15 per cent over that of 1917. There is a serious shortage of pork now, and unless this increase is made the shortage will be acute next year.

The scarcity of hogs is alone an assurance of good prices. Since hogs can be raised on practically every farm, the Florida farmer who does not take up hog raising is overlooking one of the best opportunities that presents itself.

Here is what W. W. Dougherty of Dade County has done in the last twenty-six months, as reported by the county agent.
"Mr. Dougherty began in the hog business 26 months ago with \$500 invested in a swill boiler, a dipping vat, several breeding pens, one Poland-China boar and six sows of the same breed, all registered, a registered Duroc-Jersey boar and three bred gilts of similar breed. He has produced and sold \$2500 worth of young breeding stock to other farmers of his county for cash. In addition he has produced all the meat and lard his family has used during the 26 months, and yet has live animals on hand that he has refused to sell at \$1000. The services of his boars are in demand at \$5 each service.
"One of Mr. Dougherty's sows farrowed 29 perfect pigs and 26 of them sold at \$485 for the lot. Most of his sales were made before the advance in prices. This sow cost him \$75 and is now worth \$100 on a meat basis, she will not go that route.
"The pen compost helps to grow corn that finishes the inferior animals set aside for slaughter. The hog business is a side-line with Mr. Dougherty, and it requires a small part of his time. He will be at the Jacksonville State Fair with a lot of hogs that will be hard to equal."

While this success can not be duplicated in every locality, an approximation of it will be profitable. There is a demand for good breeding stock, and hogs suitable for the purpose should bring prices above those offered for meat animals. And the prices offered for meat animals is well above normal, where they are likely to remain through the year of 1918, if not longer.

Feed the Fertilizers First.

There is a great temptation under present conditions to try new fertilizing materials. A number of farmers have inquired of the University of Florida experiment station how to use velvet-bean meal, peanut meal, and cottonseed meal as a source of ammonia for fertilizing farm crops. And the Station says, don't do it! Such a use should be discouraged at the outset, for the reason that all

feedstuffs are high in price, and the materials named are among our best feeds; they are too valuable as feedstuffs to be used as fertilizer. When feedstuffs were plentiful and cheap it was not such a serious matter, but now it would be little short of a crime to waste such valuable feeds by using them as fertilizers—a crime against good farming.

If these various meals are first used as feed for livestock and the manure saved and used as fertilizer, a double value will be secured from them. Farm animals take but little of the fertilizing value from the feeds during the process of digestion. If the manure is handled properly 75 per cent of the original fertilizing value will be retained until applied to the land.

Test Associations Provide Incentive.

Nothing will provide a greater incentive toward increasing the average production of dairy cows in Florida than a testing association, says the University of Florida experiment station. An organization of this kind—state, county, or community—means that dairying will be put on a business basis. With all the cows in a community or county under test, the poor producers will soon be shown up, and their removal to the beef herd or to the butcher will readily follow.

At present, according to the best information available, the average production of dairy cows in Florida is only 265 gallons of milk a year. This means an average of about three quarts a day. Under present conditions such cows are a liability since they will not compensate the owner for their feed and care.

If the farmer will eliminate from the dairy herd the individuals that do not return a profit, the average production per cow will be increased, the cost of production will be decreased, and a larger profit from the herd will result.

Profit in dairying comes from milking high-producing cows culling out the drones, and reducing the feed bill by using homegrown feeds. Such feeds are velvet beans, peanuts, and silage crops.

Some White Labor Available.

"The farmer who is short of negro labor and is awaiting its return to the farm, may have to exercise considerable patience," says W. A. Dopson of the Federal Bureau of Labor, with headquarters at the University of Florida experiment station. "Instead of the conditions growing better, they are becoming worse, and it is not likely such help will be available for a year or more."

Farmers have been writing to Mr. Dopson for negro farm laborers but he returns the same answer to all—none is to be had. There is a way out, however, for the farmer who is willing to meet the labor question half way.

More than a hundred white men are available as share-croppers, and the farmer who can furnish the needed accommodations is in position to get good help. Many of these men have families many are experienced in farm work, having gone to the city from the farm and are now ready to return. Suitable shelter for the men and families must be provided, and better wages may be required than that previously paid. But the help can be had.

Up to the present time Mr. Dopson has been able to furnish white help to all farmers who have applied. Farmers still needing help may be able to get in touch with the right man by addressing Mr. Dopson at Gainesville.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y. Ackerman-Stewart Drug Co.

If you want
CHRISTMAS CARDS
to send to
SPECIAL PEOPLE
your mother, father,
wife or
BROTHER FRIEND
our Special line of
Quality Cards.
CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES
—A Special Soldier's
Lap Pad.
DRUG CO.
CITY, FLA.
H. READ
PALATKA
FLORIDA
lots on
arms.
MILLER LINE
Home Company. It
operated for the
season and out of
years. No better
over any line.
Industry and thereby
in circulation at
leaves Crescent
Jacksonville and way
am. on Tuesdays,
on Mondays,
Fridays.
MILLER
Jacksonville, Fla.
Transfer Co
and Boat Line
at Crescent City
by appointment.
FREE, Manager.
Florida
Spencer
TIST
on Prospect Street
Florida
RAFFERTY
tractor
and
ilder
BUILDING
MATERIAL
City, Fla.
City Cafe
E. SHAW, Prop.
East of the Postoffice
AND MEALS AT
REASONABLE PRICES.
SPELLS
Taking Two Bottles
Says Tennessee
Lady.
Tenn.—Mrs. G. P. Cart-
place, writes: "About
the dizzy spells got so
I would start to walk
pretty near fall. I wasn't
any work, but was very
own.
husband I thought Cardul
me, as a lady who lived
me had taken a great
to me to try it. This was
he was living in Kentucky.
and got me a bottle and I
according to directions. It
so much that he went back
another bottle. I got a
another and just quit taking
the dizzy spells. I took
medicine at that time nor
trouble. No, I've never
Cardul.
time when I finished the
tablets, mild and gentle
me, Cardul, the woman's
the very medicine you
suffer from symptoms of
give Cardul a trial.
NO-129